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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT "ARAB LUNCHEON", REPORTED "KISSINGER PLAN" FOR MIDEAST SETTLEMENT, AND US DENIAL OF EXISTENCE OF SUCH PLAN WIDELY COVERED. THESE SUBJECTS, AS WELL AS APPOINTMENT OF DR. KISSINGER ITSELF, EXTENSIVELY TREATED EDITORIALY. IN ADDITION, SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON MIDEAST PUBLISHED IN EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH IN LEADING INDEPENDENT AN NAHAR FROM CORRESPONDENT RAFIC MAALOUF.

2. EDITORIALY, AN NAHAR SAID "IF 'KISSINGER PLAN' TO SOLVE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM AS PUBLISHED BY LONDON TIMES (STATE DEPARTMENT AND SECRETARY HIMSELF, NOT TO MENTION ARAB AMBASSADORS, HAVE DENIED ITS EXISTENCE) IS NOT BROTHER OF ALLON, DAYAN, EBAN AND OTHER WELL KNOWN ISRAELI PLANS PRECEDING AND SUBSEQUENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, IT IS AT LEAST THEIR COUSIN, WITH SOME DIFFERENCE REGARDING SUEZ CANAL. ONLY NEW THING IN IT

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IS TIMES' STATEMENT THAT KING FEISAL HAS ACCEPTED IT AE

'BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS'... AFTER WHAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE IRRITATION OF KING FEISAL, WHO HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED EVEN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION... AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE SAID AT HIS LUNCHEON FOR ARAB FORMERS AND AMBASSADORS AT UN THAT ARAB STATES SHOULD NOT EXPECT US TO ACCOMPLISH MIRACLES. WHAT MIRACLE COULD ARABS DEMAND BE ACCOMPLISHED? IS IT TOTAL WITHDRAWAL? IF TOTAL WITHDRAWAL IS MIRACLE, WHAT CHOICE REMAINS FOR ARABS BESIDES 'KISSINGER PLAN' (WHOSE EXISTENCE IS DENIED) OR SOMETHING RESEMBLING IT?... HE SAID APTLY THAT PROBLEM IN MIDEAST IS NOT THAT PARTIES DO NOT UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, BUT THAT THEY DO. PERHAPS BY UTTERING THIS PHRASE HE MEANT TO IMPLY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM AS IT REALLY IS, THAT HE WANTS PARTIES TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE UNDERSTANDS...AND THAT HE IS ENDOWED WITH LONG PATIENCE..."

3. LEFTIST PRO-COMMANDO AL MUHARRIR SAID "FIRST JEWISH SECRETARY OF STATE IN US HISTORY PERHAPS BROUGHT FORTH TO LOWER CURTAIN ON (PALESTINIAN TRAGEDY), AFTER BRITAIN HAD, IN TWENTIES, BROUGHT FORTH HERBERT SAMUEL AS ONLY JEWISH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PALESTINE TO RAISE CURTAIN ON FIRST ACT OF TRAGEDY... IT DOES NOT CONFORM WITH LOGIC, REASON, OR SOUND REASONING THAT DEGRADATION OF ARABS SHOULD REACH POINT WHERE THEY XSG SOLUTION TO THEIR CRISES FROM SOMEONE, NO MATTER WHAT IS SAID ABOUT HIM, WHO REMAINS IN ESSENCE AN ENEMY WHO, LIKE ANY JEW AT ANY TIME AND PLACE, PREFERS AND ADVANCES ISRAEL'S INTEREST OVER ANY OTHER INTEREST, INCLUDING OF COURSE THAT OF COUNTRY WHICH GAVE HIM REFUGE AND PUT HIM IN ITS SECOND HIGHEST POSITION. IF THIS MAN CAN NEVER ADVANCE US INTEREST OVER THAT OF ISRAEL, IS IT CONCEIVABLE THAT HE WOULD ADVANCE INTEREST OF ARABS OVER THAT OF ISRAELIS, OR AT LEAST TREAT INTERESTS OF EACH EQUALLY?"

4. INDEPENDENT AL BAYRAQ EXPRESSED SIMILAR OPINION, DESCRIBING KISSINGER AS "SECOND BALFOUR". PAPER SAID: "SOME ARAB STATES MAY HAVE AVOIDED BOYCOTTING LUNCHEON OF KISSINGER THE JEW SO AS NOT TO HAVE IT SAID THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY WERE ACTING ON RACIAL AND SECTARIAN BASIS, ALTHOUGH IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT THERE IS ANY JEW WHO DOES NOT THINK AS ZIONIST OR ISRAELI, EVEN IF HE IS US SECRETARY OF STATE AND EVEN IF HE TOOK OATH TO RESPECT ITS CONSTITUTION AND INTERESTS. PROVING KISSINGER'S RACIALISM AND SECTARIANISM DOES NOT REQUIRE MUCH EFFORT. HE IS ORIGINATOR OF NEW SCHOOL OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY WHICH HAS PERMITTED ITSELF TO INTERFERE IN AFFAIRS OF WHOLE

WORLD, PARTICULARLY USSR... BRITISH FOREIGN
SECRETARY BALFOUR WHO PROMISED PALESTINE TO JEWS OF
WORLD AS NATIONAL HOME WAS ALSO JEW. ALL GOOD INTENTIONS
AND ALL NEW THOUGHTS IN WORLD CANNOT CONVINCE ANYONE
THAT KISSINGER IS NOT A SECOND BALFOUR."

5. CONSERVATIVE AL HAYAT SAID "HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF
KISSINGER'S APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE IS THAT
PROCESS OF BUILDING US FOREIGN POLICY IN PAST QUARTER
CENTURY HAS NOW CRYSTALLIZED IN FORM THAT LEAVES NO
DOUBT ABOUT WHO IS RUNNING OR DIRECTING THIS POLICY.
IT IS NO LONGER EXAGGERATED CRITICISM TO SAY THAT US
SECRETARY OF STATE TALKS AS IF HE IS ISRAELI SECRETARY
OF STATE."

6. PRO-CAIRO AL YOUM BELIEVES THAT "IF US IS GOING TO
UNDERTAKE NEW INITIATIVE CONCERNING MIDEAST CRISIS,
IT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER ISREALI ELECTIONS.
IF WASHINGTON IS REALLY PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH
INITIATIVE, IT IS NOT EXPECTED AT ALL THAT KISSINGER
WILL MAKE THIS INITIATIVE PUBLIC...HE HAS HINTED,
FOR FIRST TIME IN US DIPLOMATIC HISTORY, TO USE OF
US INFLUENCE. THOSE WHO KNOW KISSINGER AS MAN OF
NEGOTIATIONS AND SECRET INITIATIVES AND AUTHOR OF
DETENTE THEORY MUST REALIZE THAT, IF HE, JEWISH
SECRETARY, WANTS TO MAKE MOVE, IT WILL BE SECRET AND
WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE IDEA IS
SURE THAT INITIATIVE WILL SUCCEED."
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